

Proposed Clarifying Language for Chapter Five of the
North Carolina 2013 Proposed State Medical Facilities Plan

Current wording in Chapter Five of the North Carolina 2012 State Medical Facilities Plan, page 47 (*excerpt only*):

Step 8 (Column L)

The number of acute care beds needed in a service area is determined as follows:

- a. If two or more hospitals in the same service area are under common ownership, total the surpluses and deficits of beds for those hospitals to determine the surplus or deficit of beds for each owner of multiple hospitals in the service area.
- b. When the deficit of total acute care beds in the service area for an owner, regardless of number of hospitals owned, equals or exceeds 20 beds or 10 percent of the inventory of acute care beds for that owner, the deficits of all owners in the service area will be summed to determine the number of acute care beds needed in the service area.

Staff proposes the additional clarifying language, which is shaded and in bold print:

Step 8 (Column L)

The number of acute care beds needed in a service area is determined as follows:

- a. **The threshold for a need determination for additional acute care beds is a projected deficit of 20 or more beds, or a projected deficit which equals or exceeds 10 percent of the total bed inventory for each hospital.**
- b. **The threshold is applied individually to each hospital, and a need determination is generated irrespective of surpluses at other hospitals in the service area, unless there are other hospitals in the service area under common ownership.**
- c. If two or more hospitals in the same service area are under common ownership, total the surpluses and deficits of beds for those hospitals to determine the surplus or deficit of beds for each owner of multiple hospitals in the service area.
- d. When the deficit of ~~total~~ acute care beds in the service area for **any facility** or an owner, ~~regardless of number of hospitals owned~~, equals or exceeds 20 beds or 10 percent of the inventory of acute care beds for that **facility or** owner, the deficits of all **facilities and** owners in the service area will be summed to determine the number of acute care beds needed in the service area.